

New Year's Greetings

We desire to express our thanks to our customers for a patronage so largely increased during the holiday season and past year as to exceed very substantially all previous business records.

May 1916 bring bigger and better business results to all of us.

Our promise is, that we shall endeavor to render even better service to you in the New Year.

Our wish is, that 1916 will bring you all the things you need for your happiness, and that you will consider B. W. Hooker & Co. when in need of Furniture.

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FOOD PRICES AWAY UP.

Charges in United States in 1914 Were Nearly the Record.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—Food prices in the United States during 1914 were higher than at any time during the last 37 years with the exception of the years 1882 when they were 4 per cent higher than 1914 prices, 1883 when they were on the same level and in 1912, when they were 1 per cent higher. The bureau of labor statistics in its annual bulletin just issued on wholesale prices of commodities reviewing the years from 1880 to 1914 discloses that in the 35 years food prices were highest in 1884, when they were 76 per cent more than 1914 prices and lowest in 1896, when they were 40 per cent below.

In the years of the Civil war and during a dozen years or more afterward prices of all commodities were the highest since 1860, when the first attempt was made at keeping a record of wholesale prices. In 1864 prices of most commodities reached their highest point. Lowest prices were recorded in the years from 1894 to 1906.

The effect of the European war on wholesale prices in the United States is not fully disclosed in the report, as prices for only the first five months of the war are recorded. Comparison of Civil war prices with those prevailing in this country during the European war therefore is not possible. The Spanish-American war apparently had little effect on wholesale prices, as they remained on about the same level as they had been in the period immediately preceding it.

Farm products prices in 1914 were

higher than they had been in the last 44 years. As with food prices, their highest point was reached in 1884, when 85 per cent more than in 1914 and lowest in 1896, when 56 per cent below.

Clothes and clothing were lower in 1914 than during the previous year and were higher than at any time since 1884, when they were on the same level, except in 1907, 1910 and 1913. Their highest prices were in 1884 when 254 per cent more than 1914 and lowest in 1896 and 1897 when 25 per cent lower.

Fuel and lighting prices were 5 per cent lower in 1914 than in 1913 but were 32 per cent higher than the lowest point reached in 1894, and 120 per cent below the highest point, reached in 1863.

Metals and metal products were lower than they had been since 1905, being 8 per cent below 1913 prices. Their highest point was reached in 1864, when 194 per cent higher than in 1914 and lowest in 1898, when 27 per cent below 1914 prices.

Lumber and building materials were 4 per cent lower than in 1913, 82 per cent below their highest prices reached in 1864 and 38 per cent above their lowest point reached in 1897.

Drugs and chemicals were 6 per cent higher than in 1913 and higher than they had been in 30 years. They were 220 per cent below their highest point made in 1864 and 33 per cent higher than their lowest price in 1895.

House furnishing goods were higher than they had been in 30 years, being 25 per cent higher than their lowest prices made in 1897 and 184 per cent below the highest prices prevailing in 1864.

Prices of all commodities combined were 1 per cent below the prices of 1913 and on the same level as those of 1912. They were lower by 137 per cent than the high prices of 1864 and higher by 33 per cent than the lowest prices prevailing in the years of 1896 and 1897.

Not Seriously Ill.

London, Jan. 1.—A wireless despatch from Berlin says the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung gives confirmation from an authoritative source of the report that Emperor William is suffering from a cold. The emperor is not confined to bed. His affection is described as harmless.

Rock Composed of Minute Fossils.

Near Rome, Nev., are peculiar beds of diatomaceous earth. This chalk-white material consists largely of fossil microscopic animals called diatoms. Their remains have collected here in numbers so immense as to form deposits hundreds of feet thick and in places made up almost the entire mass of the rock. This mass of fossil diatoms or diatomaceous earth, formerly called infusorial earth, differs from white chalk only in that it is composed of silica instead of lime carbonate. It is so light that it will almost float on water. (Overland Guide-book, bulletin 612, U. S. G. S.)

TALK OF THE TOWN

Big clearance sale at Fitts'. Every Saturday, a clown comedy show at The Park for children.—adv.

Ralph Ward of Worcester, Mass., is a holiday visitor at the home of Mrs. J. R. Maiden of Highland avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. William Robertson and children of Elm street are passing the week end with friends in Burlington.

Dr. S. G. Simpson returned to his home in South Ryegate yesterday, after passing a few days in the city on business.

Mrs. Lucy F. Sowdon, 83 Tremont street, reopens her private school Jan. 3, and announces that she can accommodate a few more beginners.—adv.

Miss Mabel Winch, who has been the guest of Mrs. Laura Keith of Patterson street for a few days, returned yesterday to her home in East Arlington.

Miss Kate Oliver, who is employed in the Bau studio in Greenfield, Mass., passing several weeks at her home in this city and with relatives in Williamstown.

W. C. Belknap, publisher of the Bellows Falls Times and the Windsor Journal, has returned to his home in Bellows Falls, after passing a few days in Barre and Williamstown.

Miss Marion Tupper, who has been passing the holidays at the home of her father, George H. Tupper of South Main street, returned to-day to North Troy, where she is a teacher in the graded schools.

George C. Booth, a former resident of Barre, who came to the city early in the week to participate in the annual banquet of the Glengyle club and the St. John's night festivities of the Foreign Masons, returned to-day to Buffalo, N. Y., where he is employed as a stonehewer foreman. During his stay here Mr. Booth has been registered at Hotel Barre.

Charles H. Tenney, president of the Tenney company, who has been staying at Hotel Barre while here on a tour of inspection among the company's holdings in central Vermont, returned yesterday to his home in Springfield, Mass.

A local market is advertising a new kind of sea fish known as the tile fish. This species, though somewhat resembling a cod in shape, has more the flavor of a sea trout than any other species according to the testimony of most people who have eaten it. The species was first discovered in 1879 in the gulf stream near our coast, but the changing course of the stream soon afterward killed thousands of them because of the fact that they cannot live in cold water. They have been rediscovered recently by the United States fish commission and are just beginning to be put on the market in this country.

Miss Nell Stoughton, a teacher in the public schools of Needham, Mass., has returned to Boston, after passing the holiday season with her mother, Mrs. Ellen Stoughton of French street. Miss Louise Canton, who has been passing 10 days at her home on Maple avenue, will return this evening to Boston, where she is a student in a business college. George Parker has returned to his work in Hartford, Conn., after having made a holiday visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Parker of Spaulding street. Orville Youngson, who has been passing the holidays at the home of his mother, Mrs. Susan Youngson of Currier street, returned to-day to Brattleboro, where he is employed as an operator in the Princess theatre.

Vermont and New Hampshire retail monument dealers, who are to hold their annual mid-winter meeting in Barre Jan. 28 and 27, are to be the guests of the Granite Manufacturers' association, according to an announcement made at the office of the secretary to-day. While the retailers are in town they are to make their headquarters at Hotel Barre, and after their business session they are to be entertained in approved fashion by the manufacturers, who have elected a committee, consisting of Walter P. Scott, Alex. A. Milne and Armando Connolly, to look after the arrangements. If anything like propitious weather conditions prevail, there will be a trip to the quarries and every opportunity will be given the retailers to inspect the cutting plants. One of the features projected is a banquet with a brace of novelties that are not to be advertised until the retailers are assembled.

Houghton & Robins

California Navel Oranges, Florida Oranges, Grapefruit, Pop Corn, Walnuts and Mixed Nuts, Raisins, Currants, Mixed Peas; Plain, American, Sage and Five-Year-Old Cheese, and all kinds of canned goods.

Meat Department
A few Fresh Turkeys, per lb. 32c
Native Chickens, per lb. 25c and 28c
Native Fowls, per lb. 19c to 35c
Boston Celery, per bunch 20c
Fresh Lettuce, per bunch 12 1/2c
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New Year Fruit and Candy Bargains

ORANGES
Florida and California Sweets
15c PER DOZEN UP TO 45c
TANGERINES
25c PER DOZEN UP TO 35c
GRAPEFRUIT
SIX, FOUR AND THREE FOR 25c
BANANAS
15c PER DOZEN UP TO 25c
FIGS
25c PER POUND
CLEAN DATES
THREE POUNDS FOR 15c

Try some of our Fresh Candies—They're delicious, and the prices are the lowest in the city. A good line of Candy in boxes

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I am agent for "The Farming Business" the best and biggest farm paper published. In addition to its being the best farm paper, it contains complete progress of the war each week and is illustrated in colors, has a complete story each week, a needlework page, a page for the boys and girls. This farm paper will be sent to any address on receipt of subscription price: One year, 52 issues, \$1.50; six months, 26c; four months, 12c. A premium given free to all yearly subscribers. C. G. Bickford, 25 Madison avenue, Barre, Vt.

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Only 11 Days More of Our January Clearance Sale

If you will go back to last Monday's Times you will find a full page of special values. Goods that you can buy to your advantage. Lots of kinds that are fresh and good, all this season's goods at less than cost to us. No one with a family can afford to let this sale go by without taking their pick of some of these better values. If you can shop in the forenoon we can give lots better attention. Stocks are in better shape then. You can see more of what we have in this sale. The following are a part of this large sale.

Wool Dress Goods

Knowing, as you do, that Wool and Woolen Goods are away up and going higher, it will surprise you to hear that we are to give you a sale of Wool Dress Goods and sell them to you in this sale regardless of what they cost to manufacture.

Yes, we are to let you into our whole Dress Goods stock at a liberal discount on each and every piece.

All of our Serges now in this sale. You know the story on these—hard to get at any price—and we are letting you in on this lot at last season's mark-down prices—20 per cent. below market value.

In our Basement is one lot of \$3.00 and \$3.50 Cloakings at \$1.50—less than half price to close.

Three grades of Short Lengths of All Wool Serges, mostly Black and dark colors; 60c Serges, 39c; 57c ones for 49c, and \$1.00 ones for 69c per yard.

Silks

Every piece of Plain and Fancy Silk in our stock at sale prices. This gives you a chance to save on the kind you were to buy at regular prices.

One lot of Fancy Silks in our Basement—Silks that were from 50c to 75c—nearly all colors. Lots of shades in 18-inch Messaline. Your choice of this lot for 39c per yard.

Muslin Underwear

We have lots of Special Values in Muslin Underwear in our Bargain Basement. Here are Night Robes, Skirts and Underwear for the children.

This Bargain Basement Underwear saves a large part of your Underwear money. We could not afford to sell these pieces as cheap in a regular way.

Cottons

All Yard-Wide Cottons at 1c per yard allowance. In many cases, this is more than our profit.

All Sheet Cottons at an allowance of 2c and 3c per yard.

One lot of Fruit of the Loom Cotton. Market value 11c. This one lot at 9c per yard.

One lot of 42-inch Bleached Cotton. This is a 14c Cotton, bought at a special price. Now in this sale at 11c per yard.

Outing Flannels

These prices are less than you will see them again for some time:

One lot of 25-inch Bleached 6c Outing Flannel, this sale at 4 1/2c per yard.

One lot of 10c Dark Outing Flannel in this sale at 7 1/2c per yard.

One lot of 32-inch Heavy 12 1/2c Bleached Outing, this sale at 9c per yard.

One lot of Yard-Wide 12 1/2c Outing, this sale at 10c per yard.

Towels

One lot of Huckabuck Towels, 15 1/2 x 29 inches, as a special at 5c each. Won't last long at this price.

One lot of 18x40-inch Bleached

Turkish Towels, 15c values, this sale at 11c each.

One lot of Fancy Towels in Huckabuck and Damask. All our 60c Towels and slightly soiled, this sale at 45c each.

In our advertisement of Monday were the additional values not named in the above advertisement: Royal Worcester Corsets, Wash Goods, large assortment; Table Damask, the best prices for years; Crashes, All Linen, at 10c per yard; Blankets and Quilts, Ladies' Furs and Fur Sets, Ladies' Rain Coats, Ladies' Separate Coats, Ladies' Black and White Waists, Sheets and Pillow Slips. Lots of lots not listed.

The Daylight Store

TALK OF THE TOWN

See the coat values at Fitts'. Photoplays that are shown only in the best theatres at The Park.—adv.

A. E. Holt returned to the city yesterday, after passing several days in St. Albans on business.

Mrs. E. M. Laws, who has been passing a week at her home on Wellington street, returned last night to Boston.

William Stacy of Prospect street returned yesterday from a visit among friends in his old home, Ausable Forks, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl York and son, Raymond, of East street returned yesterday from Granville, where they have been visiting for a few days.

H. H. Hodgdon, Leslie M. Newton and Allen M. Flanders left the city last evening for Groton, where they are to remain in their hunting camp at Blue Point until Monday.

City schools will be reopened Monday morning, after the annual Christmas vacation of two weeks. Sessions at Goddard seminary will be resumed Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Peter Matron returned to the city last evening from Burlington, where she was called by the death of her aunt, Mrs. Delphine Bassett, whose funeral was held Friday morning.

George F. DeMerrell of Jefferson street has returned to the city from Lansing, Mich., where he passed the Christmas season with his parents. En route to Vermont on the return trip he transacted business in Buffalo, N. Y.

Notice to Farmers.

I am agent for "The Farming Business" the best and biggest farm paper published. In addition to its being the best farm paper, it contains complete progress of the war each week and is illustrated in colors, has a complete story each week, a needlework page, a page for the boys and girls. This farm paper will be sent to any address on receipt of subscription price: One year, 52 issues, \$1.50; six months, 26c; four months, 12c. A premium given free to all yearly subscribers. C. G. Bickford, 25 Madison avenue, Barre, Vt.

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Every day a feature play at The Park.—adv.

Sale of outings at Fitts'. William Given has returned to his home in Montreal, P. Q., after passing a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Given, of Richardson street.

Murdo Campbell of Northfield was a visitor in the city last evening while on his way to Granville to pass the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Campbell.

David Forrester, who has been visiting relatives in the city for the past 10 days, returned last evening to his home in Quincy, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dupre and children went this morning to Northfield to visit relatives over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Halvosa of Church street went this morning to Bolton for a week-end visit at Mrs. Halvosa's former home.

William Preston of Springfield, Mass., a former resident of Barre, arrived in the city this morning for a week-end visit with friends.

Miss Mary Jordan, who has been spending the holidays at her home on Foss street, returned to-day to Leicester Junction, where she is engaged as a teacher in the graded schools.

William Riddell went this morning to Roxbury to spend the week-end with relatives.

Who Will Claim Them?

Letters unclaimed for the Barre post-office for the week ending Dec. 30 were: Men—Emilio Aja, Alonzo Post, Jose Alonzo, A. J. Bessett, James Clark, Frank E. Daniel (2), Emeterio de Labin, Harrington, R. A. Roderick McLean, Sam Inaso, Charley Matott, J. N. Murray, Mr. Merrill, Harold Onley, Alex. Petrie, Phillip Rossi, Fred Samson, W. L. Thompson, James Watson.

Women—Mrs. Jas. Dresden, Mrs. N. A. Griffin, Mrs. Frank Hale, Miss Mary E. Lyman, Mrs. Hannah Larsen, Mrs. Annie Olsen, Mrs. Ben Percy, Mrs. Wm. Pratt, Mrs. E. Parker, Mrs. Nellie Steward, Mrs. Lizzie Martin Thomas, Mrs. Chas. Wischnhofer.

An Advertisement in the Times Will Bring Sure Results

GOOD VALUES

Tile Fish, all the rage, lb. 20c
Fresh Spanish Mackerel, lb. 10c
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Fresh Eastern Smelts, lb. 25c
Frozen Smelts, lb. 15c
Fresh Shore Hadd, lb. 10c-15c
Fresh Steak Cod, lb. 10c-12c

Fresh Flounders, lb. 10c
Halibut, fancy white, lb. 20c
Swordfish Steaks, lb. 20c
Salmon, lb. 25c
Eels, dressed, per lb. 20c
Kippers, each 5c
Finnish Haddie, lb. 12c

Clams for chowder, Clams for steaming. Oysters, 3 kinds. Scallops, plenty of them. Lobsters are cheaper; eat them now.

Fresh Boston Celery, per lb. 18c
Fresh Lettuce, per bunch 12c
Cranberries, per quart, 10c, and 2 quarts for 25c
Native Chickens, Fowls, Ducks and Geese.

BAKERY DEPARTMENT

Light, Dark and Fruit Loaf Cakes, per lb. 18c
Short Bread and pure Whipped Goods, also Fancy New Year Cakes. Don't forget the 10c Sponge and Quality Cakes.
Full line of Florida and California Navel Oranges. Soft-Shell California Walnuts and New Mixed Nuts. Pie Apples, Fancy Table Apples.

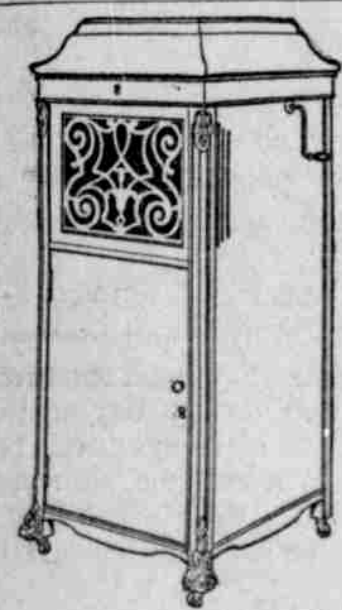
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They are superb.

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We wish you all a very
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